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| Form PTO 1390 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office (REV. 12-2004) | | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. V3.12-1 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.57) 10/518068 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR03/01983 | INT'L FILING DATE June 26, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED June 27, 2002 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: AIRCRAFT LIGHTER THAN AIR COMPRISING SEVERAL BALLOONS CONNECTED BY A FRAME | | |
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825
18. ☒ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☒ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
 - a. Claim for Priority
 - b. Certified Copy of FR 02/09469
 - c. Certified Copy of FR 02/08045

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| 17. [X] The following fees are submitted: | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY | |
| a. Basic national fee | | \$ 300.00 | | | |
| b. Examination fee | | \$ 200.00 | | | |
| c. Search fee | | \$ 500.00 | | | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | \$1000.00 = | \$1000.00 |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than _ 20 _ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)). | | | | \$0 | |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | | |
| Total claims | 31 - 20 = | 11 | X \$50.00 | \$550.00 | |
| Ind. Claims | - 3 = | | X \$200.00 | \$0 | |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) | | | + \$360.00 | \$0 | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$1550.00 | |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | \$ | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$1550.00 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)). + | | | | \$0 | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$1550.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The Assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet. (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property..... + | | | | \$0 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$1550.00 | |
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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$1550.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2998 in the amount of _ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2998 | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. | | | | | |

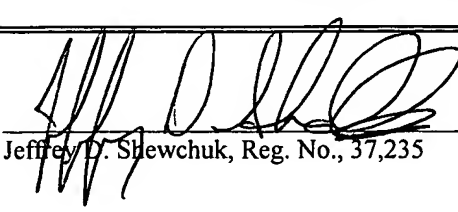
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